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In re Patent Application of		
Pere Santamaria	Group Art Unit: 1633	N NEW
Application No.: 10/005,917	Examiner: Unassigned	
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For: Compositions and Methods Useful in Avidity Therapy		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted before the first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. The Examiner is requested to enter this amendment prior to examination on the merits.

In the event that a telephone call could expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 650-622-2300 (extension 2340).

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please make the following amendments in the specification. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked-up copy of the amended paragraphs in the specification is attached herewith on separate pages.